
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7087](#)

BY C Lima, Knight, Bennett, Casimiro, Solomon, Azzinaro, S Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND

SEPARATION {LC3439/1} (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.)

01/12/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/21/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/25/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/04/2022 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [6663](#)

BY Potter, C Lima, Serpa, Kislak, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY

PRODUCTS {LC3614/1} (Same as 21H-5731 -- Prohibits the production, sale, or importation into Rhode Island of any force-fed poultry product or food containing a force-fed poultry product and would impose a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7361](#)

BY Kazarian, Serpa, Potter, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRADE IN ANIMAL FUR

PRODUCTS ACT {LC4369/1} (Prohibits the sale, offer of sale, trade or distribution of fur products as defined and would make violations punishable by a civil fine.)

02/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7412](#)

BY O'Brien, Alzate, Hawkins, Cardillo, Kazarian, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --

TRAVELING CIRCUSES PROHIBITED {LC4470/1} (Makes it unlawful to conduct, sponsor, walk, exhibit, or operate a traveling show or circus with that live wild or exotic animals in the State of Rhode Island. Violations would be punished by a fine of up to \$500 and up to 30 days in jail.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7504](#)

BY Cortvriend, Edwards, Solomon, Craven, Phillips, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION

{LC3355/1} (Extends the time period to establish adverse possession of property from (10) years to (20) years for any lands, tenements or hereditaments excepting woodlands or uncultivated tracts, and thirty (30) years for woodlands and uncultivated tracts.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7505](#)

BY Morales, Felix, Williams, Place, Kislak, Batista, Filippi, Speakman, J Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE

AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF POLICE ROBOT

TECHNOLOGY {LC3224/1} (Prohibits on-duty/off-duty law enforcement officer from utilizing any robot/police robot dog/UAV, whether armed/unarmed, within the scope of their employment as well as police departments from purchase/procurement of any robots/UVAs/police robot dogs.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7506](#)

BY Quattrocchi, Nardone, Price, Place, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE

OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC4557/1} (Permits the practice of lane splitting by motorcycles.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7507](#)

BY Solomon, Edwards, Ajello, Filippi, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE

PLATE READERS {LC4728/1} (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to utilize automated license plate readers. Further, it identifies what data may be collected and defines how the data can be used.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7508](#)

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Shanley, C Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ASSAULTS {LC4315/1}

(Makes an assault on taxi drivers a felony punishable by up to three (3) years imprisonment and an assault with a dangerous weapon punishable by five (5) to twenty (20) years imprisonment.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7568](#)

BY Noret, Casimiro, Corvese, Amore, O'Brien, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Baginski, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS

AND ACCIDENT REPORTS -- THE MATTHEW O'GARA ACT OF 2022 {LC4560/1} (Increases the penalties for a first offense of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death to a minimum five (5) years in incarceration, a minimum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and a minimum license revocation of five (5) years.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7571](#)

BY Edwards, Ruggiero, Filippi, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER {LC4907/1} (Creates the house committee of the repealer to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders received from citizens, businesses, and government agencies.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7572](#)

BY O'Brien, Diaz, Amore, Edwards, Baginski, Barros, Ruggiero, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC4705/1} (Prohibits a person convicted of killing an animal or of unnecessary cruelty to animals amounting to torture from owning or exercising control of an animal for life and would be subject to fine of \$1000 for each violation of this act.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7573](#)

BY O'Brien, Diaz, Amore, Edwards, Barros, Ruggiero, Hull, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -

CONTESTED PET OWNERSHIP {LC4708/1} (Creates a legal process by which formerly cohabitating parties could seek from the district court a determination as to ownership of any pet.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7574](#)

BY O'Brien, Diaz, Amore, Edwards, Baginski, Barros, Hull, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC4706/1} (Prohibits declawing of a cat or other animal, unless a licensed veterinarian has determined that the procedure is necessary for a therapeutic purpose. Any person who violates this section would be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7678](#)

(by request)

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC5142/1} (Authorizes the potential appointment of pro bono attorneys, supervised law students and from a list maintained by the DEM to act as animal advocates in animal cruelty and abuse cases, at the court's discretion, to serve the interests of justice.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at

<https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via

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In the subject box of your email, indicate the bill number.

In your message, include your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither). This inbox is for written testimony only.

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IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person before the committee at the State House. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room.

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